

The Daily News

DO NOT CIRCULATE

Volume XXXVIII, No. 4

Bishop Loughlin Memorial H. S., Brooklyn, New York

December 23, 1960

Centrella Wins Senior Election Different Procedures Employed

Election of the student officials of the Class of 1961 commenced on Nov. 22 and terminated on Nov. 29 with the Purple Party emerging victorious. The winning candidates were Joe Centrella, President and Bill Fitzpatrick, Vice-President. Competition included the White Party with George Schneider as its presidential candidate and the Gold Party led by Tony Shanley.



Joe Centrella at mike, flanked by (left to right) Brother James and runners-up George Schneider and Tony Shanley, prepares to address student body after his election victory.

This year the Senior Elections were conducted in an altogether new and different manner. The campaign began with a debate on Nov. 22, at which time the qualifications of the different members of each party were discussed. Another change in the format of the elections was the announcement that there would be no odd attire worn during the time of the campaign by the different candidates and members of his party.

The platform on which the Purple Party based its campaign reads as follows: Party Victory

Dance; permission of the Administration to allow the student body to wear decent continental pants; and mirrors, soap, and paper towels installed in all the bathrooms. Another part of their platform is a "Teacher Auction".

President Speaks

When asked what he planned to do now that he was elected President, Joe Centrella replied, "I hope to do all that is possible to better Loughlin and to help its students."

A Christmas Message

Dear Men of Loughlin,

At this time of year it is my happy task annually to extend to all the student body and its families; as well as, to the Faculty of Bishop Loughlin, the season's most joyful wishes together with fond hopes for a happy and peaceful New Year. This I do with sincere pleasure.

The blessed recollection of Christ's Natal Day brings to mind the essence of the good life. It is genuineness. Everyone in and everything about the manger is "solid" in his contributing role. The scene radiates therefore an impression of deep peace and profound joy.

In a world of complications and involvements it is difficult for us to find lasting peace and true happiness, unless we disengage ourselves from its philosophy and its goals. We unfortunately must be in it. Yet, we should not be of it. We cannot lead a double life — "serving God and mammon." We cannot "be with Christ and against Him." We must be so "single eyed" as to choose only Christ. "Without Me, you can do nothing" — much less be joyful and/or peaceful.

Would you, men of Loughlin, have the peace of Christ with you this Christmas and always? If so, then "be not conformable to the things of this world." "Be hidden in Christ." Be genuine!

BROTHER B. STEPHEN, Principal

Traditional Assembly Hails Christmas Visit By Mr. Claus To Climax Program

In keeping with the holiday season, Loughlin presents its annual Christmas Assembly this afternoon, December 23, in the auditorium. Directed under the supervision of Brother A. James, the show is staged for the purpose of bringing home the Christmas spirit.

Committee Organizes Program

A student committee with Thomas Brennand, class 105, and Bill Langan, class 117, chairmen and Peter Clark, 116, co-chairman was drawn up to organize the acts and arrange the gala show. The entertainment will get under way at 1 p.m. and will extend approximately ninety minutes.

Senior Magazine To Appear Soon

In January, the senior class once again publishes its magazine, the *Senior Mag*. This edition of the *Mag* will be the first to appear in its revised form.

Published By Senior Activities

The *Senior Mag* contains poems, stories, news articles, and drawings, and is organized as a division of Senior Activities, under the moderation of Brother A. James. It will sell for fifteen cents per copy.

During an interview, John McGrath, editor-in-chief of the *Senior Mag*, stated that he thought the main idea of the magazine was contained in its motto, "We will print anything that is passed by our moderator." The *Mag* is to be sold to seniors only on its first day of publication. It will go on general sale the two following days.

Glee Club to Sing Carols

The Glee Club, under the direction of Brother Basilian, will prelude a twelve minute appearance with the "Prayer of Saint Francis." This will be followed by the carolling of "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night," "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

The orchestra, directed by Mr. Angelo Consoli, will play an eight minute selection of holiday music. First on the agenda is a medley of traditional Christmas carols including "Adeste Fideles," "O Santissime," and "The First Noel." The other selections which will be played by the orchestral group are "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Other Talent Is Evident

The afternoon's entertainment will include various other acts, each suggesting the Christmas season. The senior jazz Combo will make an appearance and give a modern interpretation of Christmas standards. The schedule includes a violin solo by Mr. Sheehan who will be playing Gounod's "Ave Maria." Finally, Santa Claus will make his annual visit distributing the customary "gifts" to the members of the faculty.

Glee Club to Bring Cheer To Hospitals And Schools

The Loughlin Glee Club, under the direction of Brother Basilian, will conduct its annual Christmas concert from the 18th of December through the Christmas Season at various hospitals and schools throughout the city.

Among the places at which the Glee Club will sing are the Industrial Home for the Blind and the Mary Immaculate Hospital in Jamaica. The club, over 90 strong, is aiming at conveying the Christmas spirit to many and making their Christmas as merry as possible by their singing of Christmas Carols, both ancient and modern.

Practice Daily

The organization has been practicing daily, striving to obtain more momentum for themselves and their school.

The officers of the Glee Club are: D. Feeney of 114, President, J. Hickey of 119, Vice-President, J. Kloczek of 311, Secretary and J. Laurea of 114, Treasurer. Feeney has this to say about the club, "Once everything is started the Glee Club will have one of its greatest years at Bishop Loughlin."

Parents, Students Preview College

Juniors and Seniors and their parents attended Bishop Loughlin's annual college night, Friday, December 9. The two and one-quarter hour program was arranged to give parents and students an opportunity to meet representatives of some of the Catholic colleges and discuss problems of entrance and the selection of courses.

Seven Colleges Represented

Seven colleges were represented, which conducted a session of talks and question periods. They included the five Catholic city institutions: Manhattan, Iona and St. Francis Colleges; Fordham and St. John's Universities; and two boarding colleges: Christian Brothers' College from Memphis, Tennessee and La Salle College of Philadelphia.

Several students from Manhattan College were also present, who talked with the boys about the schools of Arts and Science, Business, Physical Education and Engineering in their school.

Thespians Stage Play For Frosh

Loughlin's Dramatics Society, under the guidance of Mr. Charles Grosse, presented its annual freshmen play, Wednesday, November 16. The comedy, of one act and lasting for a single period, was witnessed by the entire freshmen class, assembled in the school auditorium.

Entitled "Tea Pot on the Rocks", the play was written by John Kirkpatrick and dealt with the humorously unsuccessful attempts of two girls to operate a tea room which hadn't had one customer since it opened. When two society women come in and plan on eating in the place, the situation is further complicated by the fact that the girls have nothing to serve them. Asked about the response, Mr. Grosse replied, "It was well received by all."

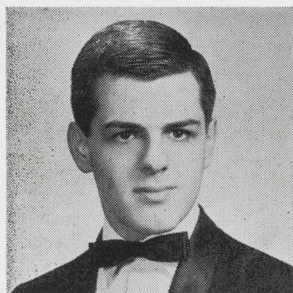
Those who comprised the cast were: "Alex", the gasman-Arthur Davino; "Roy Williams" - John Dreseris; "Willie" - David Faulkner. The cast of Loughlinites was augmented by several girls from Queen of All Saints.



PERSONALITIES

KEN KUBAT

The president of the Photography Club and photographer for the **Loughlinite** is our next Personality. Phil Mercorella comes from St. Rose of Lima Parish by the Vanderbilt and Coney Island Bus. At home he enjoys such pursuits as sailing, dancing, horse-back riding and ice-skating, but his prime interest is photography.



PHIL MERCORELLA

He has taken pictures for the **Tablet**, a college and for Monsignor Hald, Superintendent of Schools.

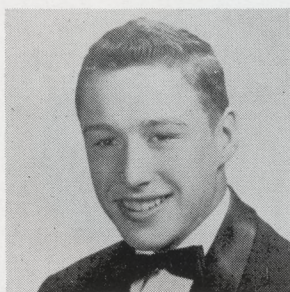
During his extra hours, Phil works at an unusual place, Ryan's Pawn-shop, where he's a stock clerk. Phil, who has a student council post in the fourth floor corridor, plans to complete his education at St. Francis', where he'll study business administration.

Laughing Boy Langan of 117, swimming star and Typical American Genius, is Personality number three.

Bill is well known in many circles due to his membership in the Leo Honor and Gold "L" Societies, the Science Research Programs; he is a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist, and was one of two Loughlin representatives at the American Legion Boys' State at Colgate University.

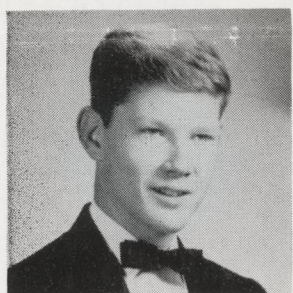
Bill's other Loughlin activities include the afternoon dance committee, Senior Activities, captainship of swimming team and chairman of the elite, "Before Nine" Club, otherwise known as captain of the morning safety patrol.

Bill will use his scholarship to Manhattan to study physics.



BILL LANGAN

"Baby Huey" Parchinsky, well known hoopster of 116 comes to us from Saint Stanislaus Parish, where he participates in bowling, basketball, and baseball; he also holds membership in the confraternity.



GENE PARCHINSKI

Gene's is a familiar face on the athletic field, as he's a four year member of baseball — he won a **Tablet** Honorable mention for prowess in this — and the basketball teams. The **Senior Mag** also benefits from his vast talents, and he's a LaSalle Club-ite.

Gene is aiming high with his college plans: he's hoping for an appointment to West Point, followed by a career in engineering.

Joe Blythe, a 106'er from St. Kevin's Parish, Flushing is December's final personality. Joe plays C.Y.O. basketball and baseball, bowls in a Saturday League, and is captain of a Community League basketball team; his other hobbies include football, collecting record albums, movies and T.V.

Here at Loughlin, Joe, a former hoopster, is a member of the basketball intramurals, and possesses two years' worth of Gold "L's" and one years' worth of Purple "L's".

This student councilor (he's on yard patrol during the second lunch period) plans to enter St. John's this fall and take a course in Business Administration.



JOE BLYTHE

Gaudete

Now fled from man, in hidden caverns Joy Dwells murdered in the long sense perished past And now the men of science fling one last Shoot through the air to find a new alloy Of peace and hope and love, but just destroy. A dream and give the world a sigh, aghast That they have seen no sign nor heard a blast Of holy wind but found of fatal toy. When will the planter plant the seed, reveal The root that blossoms in a royal key? When will the rough way straighten, mountains fall? When will the stainless maiden's foretold heel Crush the serpent? When will the subject seas Sing unto God? When comes the Prince of all?

Around Loughlin

MICHAEL O'DONNELL

Let me begin by congratulating Joe Centrella of the Purple Party on his victory in the Senior elections. I also think that Joe's mother did an excellent job in counting the ballots.

Now I would like to offer some gift suggestions for the members of our faculty.

Brother Michael: A real policeman's whistle.

Mr. Zember: A one-way trip to Gettysburg.

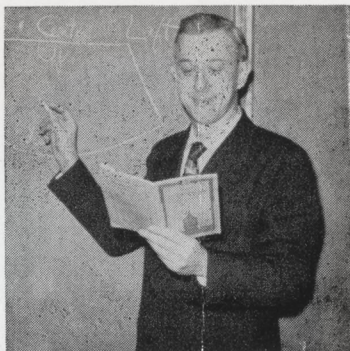
For something different in this column, we have decided to publish candid photos of happenings around the school. The printable ones are these —



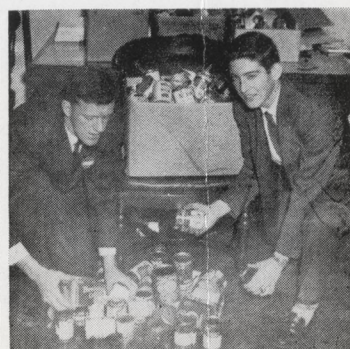
"I'll give you one more chance - now what loses electrons?"



"Either you win this race, or . . ."



"Once upon a time . . ."



"So this is what they serve in the cafeteria!"

I hope you have enjoyed this little twist of this (har!) joke column.

Until next issue, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

What Is Christmas?

"Christmas is really getting commercialized, isn't it?" This phrase is benign heard more and more these days, but what is being done about it? Very little. People talk about it, but go right along "with the crowd", making their Confessions as an afterthought, if they make them at all. Of course, everyone goes to Mass, because it's required, and to meet others there and to better view the Christmas "fashion parade".



We don't say that gifts and Christmas trees should be abolished—far from it. They're a part of Christmas too; but although the phrase is trite, let's "put Christ back in Christmas," for Christ is Christmas.

Off The Record

Eight days hence we will witness the dawn of a new year. Since we are not endowed with the gift of clairvoyance, we are unable to visualize or discern what lies ahead for us in 1961. Through science and pure logistics it has already been perceived that life in the 60's will be one of constant discovery, unending developments in the world of research and ever-widening uses of the unbridled and mysteriously grandiose power of the sun, the atom and the very sea around us.

This is an optimistic view of the future, one which we all firmly hope will materialize. It is, however, not the only possibility of what Fate has in store for us.

When the Communistic dictator of Red China, Mao-ts-tung, defyingly states that his "republic" is the only country in the world with enough people and manpower to wage a full-scale war, we cannot help but comprehend the horrible effect which may also evolve from the magnanimous

strides mankind is taking in the field of atomic energy. The "moment of truth" as to the intentions of Red China is near at hand — for in two short years she will be capable of producing nuclear bombs.

The purpose behind such a statement during this holiday season is to keep alive in us, the citizens of tomorrow, the type of world in which we may later be forced to live. The primary motive, however, is to make the suggestion, that while we are in the process of formulating our "New Year's resolutions," we place first on our list a promise to pray more often and with added fervor for the conversion of Russia and the downfall of atheistic Communism.

Our devout pleas now, may enable future generations to make this world a place where there will exist trust in God, love of neighbor, and that solemn peace which we so often seek, but never quite attain.

Editor-in-Chief

JAMESONIAN

Vol. XXXVIII, No. 4

December 23, 1960

Named after St. James Academy, the oldest Catholic High School in the diocese, of which the present school is the successor. Published ten times during the school year by the General Organization of Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School. 357 Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn 38, New York

Jack Loiello

Editor-in-Chief

Rich Crimmins
News Editor

Feature Editor

Associate News Editor

Copy Editors

Business Manager

Photography Editor

Artist

Photographers

News Board

Sports Board

Faculty Adviser

Joe DeLessio
Sports Editor

Ken Kubat

Jim Candia

Joe Green and Ken Greene

Steve Connors

Ray Solecki

Paul Keough

P. Brustowicz, P. Scaltrito, R. Howard

H. Carlson

T. Navarro, E. Kurinsky, R. Kelly,

P. Guerin, J. McFeeley, D. Brogan,

W. Basta, K. Mulcahy, D. Sullivan,

J. Sweeney, J. Flood, C. Newell, J.

Nesbitt, A. Dixon, J. Boyle, J. Man-

gan, K. Harvey, F. DeMarco, E.

Betz, D. Baglivi

R. Jakubek, P. Caronia, M. D'Amico,

J. Curran, R. Rothschild, D. Steller,

A. Landers, B. Neuman, W. Baglivi

D. Leoniak

Brother Christopher Charles, F.S.C.

On Walls

Have you ever taken a good look at the walls in your house? If you live in a new split-level, ranch-type, Cape Cod house you have not. Mainly because, if you look very hard at them they are liable to fall down.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that these new houses are ill constructed; I'm saying that they are not constructed at all.

As you travel through New York, you can see skyscrapers under construction. Have you ever seen a house "built?" Of course not. This is because they, the construction companies, try their hardest to hide it.

When I was a very young child we, the boys and I, made it a weekly project to build "huts," "forts," etc. To tell you the truth, I would rather live in one of our monstrosities than a modern ranch house.

On the subject of ranch houses, who wants a ranch house in the middle of a city? It's great if you plan on raising a herd of steers in your backyard.

Back to the walls.

Years ago, a wall was protection against man and nature. Today walls are a danger to every inhabitant of the so-called house.

In the future I can see walls being made of corrugated cardboard.

In the nineteenth century, if you closed the door and stepped into another room for a private conversation you were safe. In the twenties, you weren't entirely safe because one could put a glass, stethoscope, etc. to the wall and catch an occasional snatch of your discussion.

Today you don't need a glass. In fact it is safer to step outside the house for private chats.

The hardest part of building a house today is the foundation, if you are lucky enough to get one.

The SOP, standard operating procedure, for erecting a wall these days is as follows; raise some two-by-fours, tack some plasterboard on them, shingle it, paint it and call it a wall. If you are born of nobility, you might get some insulation. Insulation that keeps the hot air in, in summer, and the cold air in, in the winter.

This could lead to international repercussions. I can see man reverting back in time. First to the castle then to the mud huts and then . . .

Awaken America! Your great-great-grandson might live in a cave!

Hi!

Greetings from the "monastery" again. We sometimes use that term to describe what people think of us. All passers-by, as soon as they see the building and the sign CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' NOVITIATE, rein in their cars to the legal speed limit and gape at the "modern monastery." It's the same thing as a non-Catholic who passes school. He wonders what kind of people would go to a Catholic school, if they are human like himself and how they can stand to be outcasts like that. All the while you rather laugh at him in his ignorance; you know that you're human, a loyal citizen and a 'cool' teenager — not much different from millions of others. It's much the same with us.

I often wondered what the purpose of the novitiate was, not to mention the whole religious life. After thinking about this all the time I've been here, I think that I have found the answer. In plain language the whole purpose is to teach one that there really is a God. Sure, I went to Catholic schools most of my life, I went to church on Sundays and I knew a few prayers by heart, but God was always 'Somebody' up there. He was a Being Who should leave me alone when I was doing well, but Who had better help me when it's test time or whenever I need help. The religious life is enabling me to realize what is meant by "Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God!"

Even today (don't laugh) I still consider myself an average teenager, no different from you (not much, anyway). How did I ever get myself here? A few months ago I would have said that I didn't know; now I can say, "by the will of God."



It wasn't long ago that I was dating girls, doing homework (sometimes), going to school (mostly for the extra-curricular activities which I loved) and 'hanging around with the gang.'

When I left for here there were more than many surprised people. "Him, a Brother?"

Yes, I'm a brother. Don't think Brothers are born; they're not; they're made — otherwise I wouldn't be here. There isn't a "Brother type" or a "natural." It takes fewer abilities than are necessary in sports. All that is needed is a 'yes.'

As I said before, I was no natural-born pious monk; neither did God knock me off my bicycle in a vision and say, "Come, follow Me." He will almost never do that, so don't wait for the day. But what about me?

Whenever religious vocations were discussed I used to think: "Sure I'll go if God calls me." Once in a while, however, I did wonder what a religious vocation was like.

In December, my cousin asked me if I was all signed up for the religious life. I said I couldn't make such a big decision while I was in high school; besides, all I did was think what a calling would be like; I didn't have a real vocation (I thought). I must admit that all those big Ivy League colleges had a great appeal for me. What a way to run away from things! No parents, relatives, rules or anything else to spoil four glorious years of fun.

Then I started shopping for the best college. I spent whole weekends at individual colleges. I really got in at the bottom. I made sure I got a room in one of the fraternity houses, so I could really get to know the students and how they lived. Soon, much to my amazement, I found out that these schools disgusted me with all the trash that goes on there. My Ivy League idol was smashed. I turned my attention to the Catholic colleges but before I knew it I was thinking, "Why not give the novitiate a try?" I laughed at that every time I thought about it, but by April I had decided to go.

Here I was, a last minute vocation, laughing at my own efforts to come here. All I had said was, "Why not?" Now I'm here—almost by accident—and I know that this is the true life.

It only takes a "Why not?" to make a vocation. There is no impelling motive usually, only a tiny suspicion that I might have enough generosity to come through for God; the qualifications were there already as they are in most people. The way I look at it is if God needs 100 religious. He has to give the qualifications to about 400. 100 men won't let the idea get firmly established in their hearts; 100 will think about it for a while and then dismiss it; 100 may go as far as trying it and then give up when the going gets tough. Therefore, it takes at least 400 qualified men to produce 100 vocations, and all of those 400 souls should be able to be good religious if only they would make up their minds to be generous. You probably have all the necessary ingredients. You too can find out what life is really about and can live it to the fullest.

All it takes is a "Why not me?" and a decision to come. The decision may be difficult to make but (although it won't be a bed of roses) it will be easy to follow through, once it is made. Why not you?

Editor's Note: The above was written by Peter Schuller, '60, Editor-in-Chief of the 1960 LOUGHLINITE, Leo Honor Society member, and four-year cellist of the Orchestra.

Spirit of Freedom

At Thermopylae's bloodied shore,

Who did in those dark days of yore,

Dare to defy great Xerxes might?

Who stood and armed for freedom's fight?

Was it Leonidas and his proud Greek swords,

That strove to hold back the Persian hordes?

Or was it some ruler far greater than he?

Some ruler of winds, of rain, and of sea.

At Sempach how was victory earned?

How were the tides of battle turned?

When the Swiss for independence fought,

Whose sacrifice the victory bought?

Was it Winkelried, body torn with pain,

That died to banish the Austrian reign?

Or was it done by some Power much higher?

Some Master of sorrow, of pain, and of ire?

At Bannockburn many brave Scotsmen bled,

Yet at close of day the English fled.

All praised great Bruce . . . true heart . . . stout fellow,

That conquered Edward with stroke and with bellow.

Was it Bruce indeed near Sterling's height,

That put force of English arms to flight?

Could it not have been some Majestic Being,

Far above our finite human seeing?

Thus it was and shall ever be:

While the oppressed of the world seek to be free,

While God sends out His inspiring call,

To rise and to arms till the tyrant fall,

In any world crisis, as that of today,

Victory must always go to they,

Who put their faith in the orb and rod,

Of the One, Almighty. Invincible. God.

Alexander Hamilton — 325

Respite

"Doctor Franklin, you are wanted in surgery!" blared the loudspeaker. A tall fair man of thirty-five spontaneously rose from his desk and darted toward the door. In five minutes, he was in his surgical garments and entering the operating room.

"I'm glad you're here, doctor," was the greeting of the young surgeon behind the operating table. "The patient's respiration and cardiac pulse are rapidly diminishing."

Doctor Franklin had heard of the operation early this morning. It was a delicate but relatively simple appendectomy. The patient had been brought into the hospital late last night. He complained of a pain in his right side. This morning, it had been diagnosed and it was discovered that during the night, the inflamed appendix had burst. The patient was immediately sent into the operating room.

The operation consisted in closing off the opening in the intestine and removing as much of the toxic contents of the appendix as possible. What went wrong?

"I don't understand it," said the young doctor; "the operation was almost over and everything was fine. But then, the heartbeat began to fail. I don't know what to do!"

"Calm down, doctor," was the cool reply; "let me take over."

The only thing to do was to open the thorax and stimulate the heart. If that failed, the patient might die.

After the thorax was entered, Doctor Franklin placed two tiny electrodes next to the heart, one behind each ventricle. At the signal, the nurse turned on the voltage. The doctor turned his head to read the cardiograph. The heart had stopped! Why!

"Let's try it again," he said. Another charge was released, to no avail. Again and again, it was tried . . . nothing. Only one minute remained. If still nothing happened, all was finished.

"Quick, give me another electrode!" Even with three, there was still no result.

Half-a-minute.

"What can I do? There must be something!" He had almost given up hope.

Instinctively, he looked up at the clock. It was four-thirty. "Everybody take ten, coffee break."

Gerald Janeczek 3A-317

Peace

I find it in the solace of a friendly book.

I find it in the silence of a barren nook.

I find it in the comfort of my cosy cot.

But in the minds and hearts of men, I find it not.

Joseph Ryan 119

The Holy Souls

This being the month of November the principal thought of Holy Mother Church is focused upon the Holy Souls. In the 2nd book of the Maccabees (12:26) we find the following quote:

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins."

Holy Mother Church has always been lovingly intent on helping her children who, having departed from this life, continue to suffer in the cleansing flames of Purgatory. In every Holy Mass, in all the prayers prescribed for the priest and religious, and all occasions when the faithful through prayer and sacrifice, and through the application of indulgences, obtain for the suffering souls consolation and freedom of him. For a soul that loves God there can be no more powerful motive than the desire to promote the honor of God, which can be done most efficaciously by our suffrages and voluntary sacrifices for the dead. For, in freeing the souls from purgatory, we praise and love God for all eternity. These souls in purgatory are His chosen ones, His dearest children, whom in His divine mercy and justice He cannot admit into paradise until they have canceled their debt.

The souls in purgatory are among the most destitute, suffering, and unfortunate of all the souls, therefore, in a particular manner deserving of our charity. The words of Our Lord, "As long as you did it to one of these My least brethren, you did it to Me," refer in a particular way to the souls in purgatory. Our Lord has said that if here on earth a cup of water were to be given in His Name the act would merit eternal recompense. Therefore with what generosity will the Lord reward those who quench the thirst of a suffering soul in purgatory?

Does the love of God urge you to aid in delivering the poor souls from purgatory so that they may love and praise Him? Have you done enough for the souls by your acts of prayer and charity? If not, let us therefore resolve to increase our prayers and charitable deeds in order that we may bring souls from the flames of purgatory to the blisses of Heaven. Holy Mother Church will reward us greatly if we do so.

Contemplation upon the Holy Souls leads us to another question. What benefit should we derive from the contemplation of Purgatory? Purgatory is a place which shows forth the immense holiness and strict justice of God. To enjoy the Beatific Vision, everyone knows that we must be free from the remains of sin. How careful should we be to avoid the mere shadow of sin, but yet how many times do not our actions contradict our faith. We know well that in Purgatory every idle word, every violation of charity and meekness, every misused moment, every sin of vanity will receive dire punishment, yet in our indifference we so easily commit these faults. Without doubt we are even now great debtors to Divine Justice, and to settle our account we have the alternative either to do penance here or to suffer in purgatory. The pains of Purgatory are intense; penance on earth is comparatively easier. Just as surely as God chastises after death, so compassionately is He inclined to pardon the penitent sinner in this world.

Does not prudence require of all of us to strive to liquidate our guilt here on earth? Should we not deem ourselves fortunate in being permitted to suffer one or the other little privation, to mortify self-will, sensuality, and curiosity, to sacrifice personal comfort, in order to shorten our stay in Purgatory.

Therefore let us resolve with renewed zeal to offer all our prayers and good works for the poor souls, and to render them efficacious by practicing restraint of mind and tongue on all occasions, and above all to pray for the salvation of our souls so that one day we may see the celestial bliss of heaven.

This talk was delivered by John Guasconi at the Benilde Club meeting, Thursday, November 17, 1960.

The Christmas

On the 25th of December,

Every year at this time,
We celebrate and merry-make
And have a good time.

But how many remember,
Or do even try,
Of our dear little Savior,
Who was born at that time?

Oh! it's all right to celebrate and merry-make,
And have a good time,
But always remember our dear little Savior,
Who was born at that time.

Richard Garbarino 1A-406

The little that I do,

Is little done 'tis true,

Recall 'ere you get mad,

That's little more than you.

Joseph Ryan 119

The following is an excerpt of the speech delivered by Nick Murray of 114 at the assembly celebrating the silver jubilee of Brothers Aurelius James, Cletus Adrian and Alban Francis.

"During our years here at Loughlin, the saint of whom we have learned and will learn the most is the founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, St. John Baptist de la Salle. For this man, who lived three hundred years ago, recognized that the most perfect way to know God is to know and understand the things that God has made. St. La Salle determined that none need go without the benefit of an education, and the work began goes on today in schools throughout the world. Today we pay tribute to three men who have been striving toward the furtherance of St. La Salle's goal for a quarter of a century.

"Brother Aurelius James, Cletus Adrian and Alban Francis are men who have served at Loughlin in the best Loughlin tradition. Not satisfied to do their best to see that they receive the finest possible education in the classroom, each gives unstintingly of his time to round out the (extracurricular) lives of Loughlin men after school. It is this generosity and selflessness which have made the Christian Brothers' Schools famous for their educational superiority and which these men have been practicing

What is twenty-five years? It is, of course, far longer than you and I have lived; time enough in many instances for a youth to receive his education embark upon the world armed with their spiritual ideals and material knowledge, and to send his own sons to be educated by the same men who educated their father. Realizing this, we begin to get some idea of the fortitude, devotion and zeal which are required in the character of a Christian Brother. We honor these men today for the bounty of these virtues which they possess, we thank God that we have been fortunate enough to come under their tutelage and guidance these, the formative years of our lives.

"Technically, it is quite unnecessary to recount here the services that these Brothers perform each day for us, for we all know and respect these men for the things they do. Yet, in a way, we would seemingly be leaving the picture incomplete if we did not include in our testimonial a proper accounting of their daily lives here at Loughlin, which will influence and inspire us all the rest of our lives.

Christmas Joy

Christmas spirit is much alive

And in the holidays, joy we find;

But Christmas peace is Christ inside,

Deep within the hearts of all mankind.

David Faulkner 1A-217

VOICE OF LOUGHLIN

Question: Of all the men living and dead whom do you admire and why?

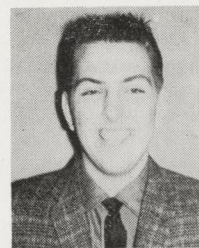
A. Brother James. For his ability to wake up a class during prayers.

Jerry Teufel 4A-108

A. George Washington, because his great courage and ability helped establish this great country,

Leonard Jefferson 1A-225

A. I admire Mr. Benjamin Franklin as one of America's most prominent men.



Ed Kurinsky 3A-311

Since Ben Franklin was one of seventeen children of a poor candlemaker he proved that all ambitious men whether rich or poor, have equal chance in America. Mr. Franklin rose to the heights as a statesman, philosopher, scientist and writer - a feat which few have equaled. Mr. Franklin's contributions to the American people are too numerous to list. Ben Franklin can be called: "One of America's greatest."

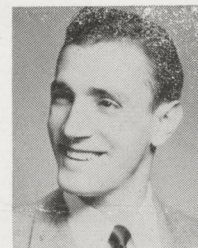
A. Brother Philip. Because if someone doesn't mention him, the whole class will fail Physics.

A Cautious Student 3A-311

A. The person whom I am most fond of is my mother: Mrs. Mary Viola. Ever since my father died in 1952, my mother has toiled to get my two brothers and me a good education. Raising three boys is no easy job and for this I have gained much admiration for my mother.

Robert Viola 1A-208

A. I admire Dr. Tom Dooley because his main concern in life is to alleviate the sufferings of the under-privileged people of Asia. He, despite a serious ailment, is still forsaking a life of comfort for one of toil and hardship for love of God.



Mr. Scotto

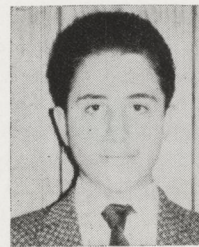
A. I must admit that I admire Nikita Khrushchev. I am fascinated by his boldness and by his constant baiting of the Western nations. Without studying his major faults, Niki is by far the world's greatest liar.

Gerry Slevin 4A-116

A. Vergil. It—It's great!

George Mulligan 4A-116

A. Prime Minister Harold Mac Millan of England. The



A. Buonaguro 2A-414

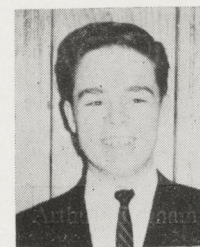
peace of the world has been this man's lifelong aim and to bring this about he has worked diligently. This is best evidenced by his attempts to heal the wounds of the battered Summit Conference last May. Even though he failed he has remained undaunted in his fight to persuade all the nations of the world to live in harmony. For these reasons I truly admire him.

A. Brother Bede. I think Loughlin is fortunate to be blessed with such a brother who makes the most difficult lesson seem like a "laugh". His gentle and calm manner and his famous word "Peace" are unforgettable by any student who was under his guidance.

Helmuth Meditz 3A-311

A. In my opinion, Abraham Lincoln. I admire Mr. Lincoln the most because he held the Union intact during one of the most critical times in history. He did not give up; he had great zeal and fought for what he believed in. I also admire him for fine character and because he showed that any good American—wealthy or not can be

come President of these United States.



Arthur Dignam 2A-414

LOUDSPEAKER

JOE DE LESSIO

The most frequent criticism that a school newspaper receives from the students is the complaint that the news it prints is stale; and as the saying goes, "nothing is deader than yesterday's news." What the students do not realize, however, is that putting a paper together is like running the high hurdles—there is one obstacle after another, one deadline after another to meet.

The difficulty lies in the fact that a sports story, for instance, must be turned in by the reporter at least two weeks before the paper is distributed to the readers, in order to allow enough time for it to be corrected and sent to the printer. Of necessity, a basketball game or track or swimming meet that is covered in the paper must have taken place two to three weeks before. Thus, the main function of the articles on the sports page is, more or less, to recount the highlights of the games and meets and to mention the outstanding performers for Loughlin.

This is especially annoying to you seniors and juniors who, through your attendance at the events and familiarity with the members on the various teams, already know the results of athletic contests. But think of the freshmen and sophmores who probably don't know the outcome of the games and who would like to get to know who the athletes of the school are.

Unfortunately nothing can be done to make the deadline for stories closer to the publication date, making the news "fresher," since we would have to sacrifice accuracy and completeness to do so. However, starting with this issue of the paper, and if at all possible, continuing in subsequent editions, we will try to include at least one article, presented somewhat in the manner of a feature, which will be both "fresh" and complete. The feature this time is about the Weightlifting Club, its history, purposes and future plans.

Frosh Mermen Bag 5-3 Mark Acquire Honors In NYU Meet

Loughlin's freshman swimming squad ended its 1961 season with a 5 and 3 record. The Lion splashers posted wins over such contenders as Xaverian, Power Memorial, Cardinal Hayes, La Salle Academy and St. John's, to finish third in the league.

Frosh Take Honors

Following the regular season was a special event called the Freshman Individual Championships. This contest was conducted at Quigley Memorial Pool in New York University.

During the meet the frosh under Chris Jones broke two records with times of 48.2 seconds in the individual medley and 1:01.3 seconds in the 100 yard freestyle. His 48.2 time bettered the existing mark by 4 seconds while 1:01.3 was two-tenths of a second faster than the old time.

Other Results

The Lions also placed high under the performance of Christy of 214 who captured second place in the 50 yard freestyle, while he and his teammates, Harris, Haggerty, and Ingram finished third in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

Ingram captured fifth place in the 50 yard butterfly and Galotta took fifth place in the 50 yard backstroke. In the 200 yard medley relay the freshman team composed of Mottle, Galotta, Walsh and Quin came in sixth. Another sixth place was won by Flynn in the one meter diving competition.

Varsity Bowlers Top Terriers And Redmen

Under the tutelage of Brother C. Benedict, moderator of Varsity and Junior Varsity Bowling, the bowling squads have won their first two games against St. John's and St. Francis.

In the St. John's game both the Varsity and Junior Varsity won 5-0. In the second game of the season the Varsity won again 5-0, against the St. Francis Keglers. The Junior Varsity took the Terrier's Jay-Vee 4-1. The high game for the Varsity was held by the captain, Clem Cote, who rolled a 175. The Junior Varsity was led by Rick D'Annunzio, who averaged 164.

The Varsity then dropped games to both Trinity and Xaverian by scores of 3-2 and 5-0. Keglers now have a record of two wins against two defeats.

The Lion Junior Varsity team has given just one point to its opponents while gaining 19 out of a possible 20. Brooklyn Prep and Xaverian High Schools were the last two fall both by scores of 5-0. The J. V. squad has an unbeaten record of four victories and no defeats.

Tracksters Set Relay Mark Retain Loughlin Games Title

The Loughlin Track Team displayed evidence of its strength by scoring heavily in the CHSAA Relay Carnival, December 3. The Lions took four gold medals, while placing second in four other events.



Pete Haffner, Loughlin's famed shotputter, demonstrates the proper way of throwing snowballs in the yard.

The team of K. Coniglio, R. Taddeo, and T. Babor gained for Loughlin a first place victory in the Open High Hurdles Medley, while the team of R. Aliventi, L. Costiglio, B. Thompson and R. Riley won Loughlin's second gold medal in the Novice 880 yard Relay in a time of 1:39.2.

The quartet of S. Glasser, M. Ungeheuser, L. Dawkins and M. Zarzycki gave a record-cracking performance of 3:45.6 in the Novice Mile Relay. The team clipped almost three seconds from the meet record of 3:48.4, set by another Loughlin quartet in 1951.

The Novice 2-Mile Relap team won Loughlin's final gold medal in a time of 9:00.5. The team was composed of C. Foehrenbach, R. Hauck, E. Minall and F. Borger.

The Lions came out victor again in the Seventh Annual Loughlin Games, December 10. The tracksters, successfully defending, won with 11 points, 1/2 point over the second place Boys' High.

In the varsity events R. Haffner gained four points for Loughlin in the Shot Put. He tossed the shot 52' 3 3/4", garnering second place in the event.

In the 60 yard High Hurdles, K. Coniglio added four more points by finishing second in a time of 7.8 seconds, while in the High Jump R. Riley gained three points in a three-way tie for second place with a jump of 5' 11".

Cheer Contest Results

As a result of the cheer contest announced in last month's *Jamesonian*, only five boys have vied for the 13 prizes offered. All of the entries but one were poems instead of cheers; thus these were incapable of being considered in a cheer contest. The following cheer, submitted by John Millus of 311, wins the first prize of \$7.41. It is a take-off on the 82nd Airborne's double-time chant:

All the way (clap, clap)
Every play (clap, clap)
Loughlin (clap, clap)
Loughlin (clap, clap)
-Repeat faster-

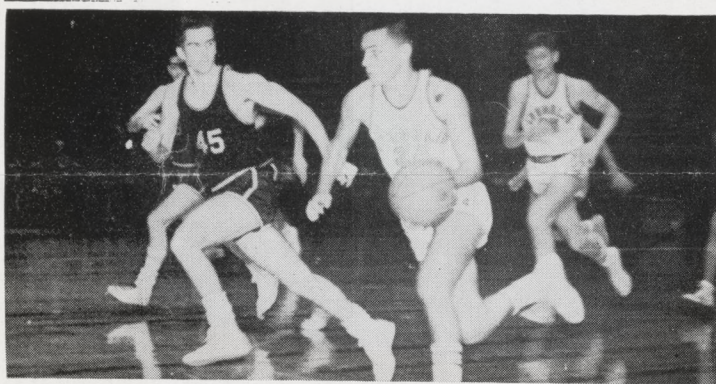
Cagers Begin Season; Beat Alumni, Xaverian

Lion Varsity hoopsters began their 1960-61 competitive season with back-to-back victories over the Alumni and Xaverian.

Loughlin Alumni, headed by such notables as Ed Pare, Bill O'Sullivan and Jim Brogan, returned November 24 to engage the present varsity in the annual Alumni game. The Alumni showed their height advantage by quickly grabbing the lead and going into the halftime break and currently attending St. John's led the losers with 16 points.

Loughlin 63—Xaverian 59

Loughlin met Xaverian in the first league game of the season, at Madison Square Garden, December 2. Loughlin took



Lenny Schnappauf drives for the basket at the Garden with Gene Parchinski trailing.

with a 40-33 edge. But the Loughlin offensive machine, led by Lenny Schnappauf and Art Klink soon caught up and took the lead.

The final score was 71-61. Schnappauf and Klink scored 24 and 17 points respectively, while O'Sullivan, a graduate of '59

the lead in the early minutes of play and never relinquished it. At the half, Xaverian trailed 30-21 but whittled down the deficit to two points with one minute left to play. Then Johnny DeBiase and Freddy Magliolo sank a free throw each to put the game on ice.

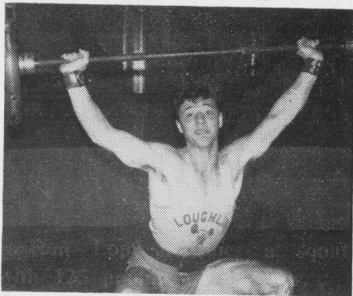
Weightlifting: School's Newest Sport

By Don Steller

The newest athletic club at Loughlin is the weightlifting team which is coached by Brother Francis. Building strength, coordination, stamina and agility are the primary objectives of the club.

In March of 1957, several boys showed an interest in weightlifting. At first these boys brought their own equipment to school for daily workouts. Gradually, as more and more students became interested in the sport, they formed the Weightlifting Club with Brother Francis as their moderator. Their first contest spelled victory over St. Peter's Prep of New Jersey, which is the only other Catholic high school besides Loughlin that has an organized team of weightlifters. The Club now has close to 200 members which in-

cludes many boys who have their own weights and workout at home. The majority of the members compete on an intramural basis, but the varsity team occasionally represents Loughlin in meets outside the school.



Tom Lopresto does a squat with 125 pounds on the bar.

The varsity team is composed of Tom Lopresto, George Bertles, Larry Costiglio, Cliff Wallace, and Tony Casella. Victor Sch-

reiner, at a bodyweight of 173 pounds, recently broke the school's record (previously held by Tony Genovese) by pressing 210 pounds.

Besides these and the intramural members, many athletes on Loughlin's Varsity teams have been urged by their coaches to train with weights in order to acquire great strength and stamina.

The scoring of weightlifting meets is done by three judges with red and yellow lights. The lift is good if at least two of the lights are yellow. If not, the judges disapprove of the lift and it is disqualified. Scoring is based on the best of three attempts by each lifter in the press, snatch and jerk. The high total poundage lifted in each bodyweight division wins.

Heart of the Matter

KEN KUBAT

We in the United States have recently observed our country awaken, like a Samson with a crew-cut, to find that it has been shorn of much of its military status in comparison with that of our arch-rival, the Soviet Union: we observe that Russia can destroy us as well as, if not better than, we can destroy her.



KEN KUBAT

The cause of this sudden decline in might seems to be imbedded somewhere in the American educational system. The fact is, clearly, that our schools are not producing a sufficient number of scientists. Since eventual world domination seems to be within the grasp of the country producing the greatest number of scientists, it seems logical that our educational program should devote its attention to producing as many scientists as possible. That's what is being done in Russia, and it seems to be working very well there.

Faced with this most simple and logical train of problems and solutions, a ripple of dissension has been raised in our country. Some Americans claim that the problem is not so simple and clear-cut. They persist that the struggle is not a death battle of fleets of missiles, or two nations, or even two hemispheres, but rather a conflict between two ideologies, two concepts of what man is.

Everybody knows the words and phrases that characterize the ways of the Western world: Life, Liberty, Democracy. But the Western way is actually a civilization arising from the combination of Grecian intellectualism with the Judaeo-Christian idea of the innate value of the individual. We realize that in theory, if not in practice, our democracy is the culmination of these ideas, and this is what we are seeking to preserve.

For some strange reason, a democracy pre-supposes a well-educated citizenry; and just any type of education will not suffice. The people of a democracy must be versed in its heritage and safeguarding. The only course open to us if we wish to survive is to revitalize, to perfect, our system of government to meet and conquer the greatest challenge it has ever known.

Possibly, we might shatter the Russians by utilizing their own practices here, of assembly-line production of scientists, chemists, technicians. Then, however, we would find ourselves gouging the principle from our western way, and eventually warring for something already dead. We would see then, that we had destroyed what we wished to safeguard.

We know, as well as anyone, what we are struggling to conserve. And, perhaps better than anyone, we can share this knowledge, with our countrymen, with our West. A beacon is shining, beckoning us to great adventure, an adventure in the realm of ideas. This great adventure is to teach—to communicate strength to a challenged society. After all, if the Catholic student won't answer this call, then who can?

Student Spotlight:

Art Club

ED BETZ

A rigorous and busy year is being had by Loughlin's Art Club under the direction of Brother Clarence William. The Art Club which conducts its meetings every Friday after school, has in the last two years expanded its membership to twenty-five.

Purpose of Club

Brother William has pointed out that the real purpose of the Art Club in the school is to help out the school in making posters, drawings and to advertise the different school functions. Some of the ways the Art Club lives up to its purpose is by doing poster slides for the basketball games, the cover for the *Kegler's Korner* and posters for the Loughlin Science Fair.

Win Prize

In the Vocation Poster Contest sponsored by the Diocese of Brooklyn, members of Loughlin's Art Club in the past four years have captured the Borough Prize.

Also, the Art Club is planning an exhibition of the personal work of members of the Art Club. These personal works will include oil and water paintings.



Brother Clarence William points out the different concepts of coloring to G. Ballweg, P. Keough, H. Keegan, and G. Schriffen during a recent art discussion.

When asked if he thought the Art Club was an important part of Loughlin's extra-curricular activities, Brother William replied, "By its very action in work and its readiness to help out in school activities, the Art Club is very important."

Forensic Society Garners Award

The Azarias Forensic League held the first contest of the year at La Salle Academy on Nov. 12. This annual oratorical interpretation contest is sponsored by the Christian Brothers for Freshmen in all Brothers' schools in the metropolitan area.

Forensic Achievements

Through the efforts of Dermott Kehoe of Room 205, selected as individual winner for his fine rendition of "Lidice," Loughlin emerged triumphant. Terence Sweeney of Room 217 captured the runner-up trophy while John Maul of Room 225 contributed to the victory with his point scoring.

On Saturday, November 19, at St. Brendan's of Flatbush, Loughlin missed a school trophy by two points as Joseph O'Leary of Room 410 captured second place trophy in Sophomore oratorical interpretation. Philip Ryan of Room 311 took third place trophy in dramatic interpretation for his rendition of, "The Telltale Heart," while James Flood of Room 326 captured fourth place.

Loughlin Participates In NBC Youth Forum

Since the beginning of the school year, Loughlinites have been participating in the National Broadcasting Company's Dorothy Gordon Youth Forum. Each week Loughlin has been well represented and important questions have been asked by Loughlinites. The program is televised every Sunday at 12 noon on NBC-TV.

Kubat Appears on Panel

As a result of Loughlin's excellent attendance record, Kenneth Kubat of 117 was selected to be a panel member on the Dec. 11th program. The topic discussion was "Should Belgium have granted the Congo its independence?" Ken took the negative aspect of this question and defended Belgium.

Among the Loughlinites who have appeared on the Forum in past weeks were: John Loiello, J. De Lutri, Peter Clark, W. Stolting, Paul Avondogolio, K. Kubat and R. Clark.

Loiello Chosen Liaison

Brother A. Raphael, the Guidance Director, praised John Loiello as being responsible for our continued good attendance on the program. Brother commented that Loiello acts as his liaison between himself and the program. It is his responsibility to see that those attending are exemplary of Loughlin and articulate speakers.

The boys going to the Forum can ask questions of the personality who appears on the program in conjunction with the topic being discussed. Thus a boy was able to question such a famous personality as Andre Maurois, the famous French novelist.

La Salle Club Members and Dates Attend Fall Promenade

The La Salle Club Promenade was presented on Friday evening December 16, with approximately one hundred twenty-five couples dancing to the music of Jim Caruso's Orchestra. The dance was staged in the school cafeteria which was decorated for the occasion. The affair was under the moderation of Brother C. Richard.

Queen Chosen

Favors were presented to each of the young ladies who attended the dance. The highlight of the evening was the selection of the two queens of the Prom. They were chosen from the Junior-Senior, and Sophomore-Freshmen years respectively. The official chaperones for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Genovese and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leahy. Mr. Genovese is the oldest living La Salle Club member and Mr. Leahy is president of the original La Salle Club founded in St. Peter's, Staten Island, in 1951.



Albert Gennarelli, Dennis Feeney, and Anthony Shanley make a final check to see that everything is in order for the upcoming La Salle Prom.

As a special reward for their efforts La Salle Club Representatives and their dates were admitted without charge.

Prom Committee

The La Salle Club Prom Committee, which decorated the cafeteria and ably assisted Brother Richard in organizing the affair was headed by Dennis Feeney (114), and included Steven Lucas (105) and George Schneider (119).

The committee also plans to hold another prom sometime in the spring for La Salle Club members only.

Moderator Comments

Brother C. Richard, when

Requiescant In Pace

The *Jamesonian* staff, on behalf of the student body and faculty, extends its deepest sympathy to Dennis Connolly on the death of his brother and to Richard Burke on the death of his mother.

asked concerning the purpose of the prom and why it was given to the members of the La Salle Club said, "This is only one of the many rewards given to the members of the La Salle Club in recognition of their hard work during the past La Salle Auxiliary Drive. Every attempt has been made by the committee to make this dance second only to the Senior Prom."

Benilde Club Initiates Drives To Help Needy At Christmas

Along with the commencement of the Christmas season the Benilde Club began its annual drives. Under the guidance of Brother Stephen, the moderator, three campaigns were planned.

The annual food drive provides men and women at the Old Folk's Home and the Little Sisters of the Poor located on Canal Street, Brooklyn, a very blessed Christmas.

For two weeks preceding Christmas, members of the Benilde Club collected canned goods, cigarettes, and other non-perishable items at the school entrances. This campaign began the week of December 12 and ended today.

The Stamp Collection began December 5th and will end on the second day of school after the Christmas vacation. The students deposited the stamps in special boxes located on each floor.

In order to boost the net results of this worth-while cause the Chancery Office, located on Greene Avenue, and the Brooklyn Tablet Office, on Hanson Place, have been contributing the stamps which they receive by mail to the Benilde Club.

The Christmas Card Drive, a new type of solicitation at Loughlin, began December 19 and will continue unto the first weeks in January. The Benilde Club will collect used Christmas Cards on these dates.

The charitable work of the Benilde Club does not conclude after Christmas. The Benilde Club sells *Tablets* on every Friday to the student body. Loughlin's paper boys include H. Keegan (chairman), P. Ryan and P. Wolski. The profit of four cents on each paper is being used to support the missions.

The executive committee of the Benilde Club hopes that the men of Loughlin will show their charitable concern for the less fortunate by supporting the three Christmas Drives and by buying the *Tablet*.